Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising two metallic coned disc springs each of which has a central circulation opening therethrough for a fluid in a central portion and each of which is formed into a seal surface in which a peripheral portion about the circulation opening rises having an arc-like curved surface, the surface being inclined upwardly and extending outwardly in a radial direction from the circulation opening, and the surface then being inclined downwardly and extending outwardly in the radial direction to an outer diameter peripheral edge portion, the two coned disc springs being combined while being oppositely directed in a state where the arc-like curved surfaces do not cross each other, and the outer diameter peripheral edge portions being welded and joined about the circumferences thereof.

2. (Previously presented) A gasket comprising two metallic coned disc springs having identical shapes, each said disc spring having a circulation opening for a fluid in a central flat portion and each of which is formed into a seal surface that extends outwardly and upwardly from the flat portion and warps near an outer diameter peripheral edge portion to define an arc-like curved surface, the two coned disc springs being combined while being oppositely directed on the central flat portions having the circulation openings, the central flat portions being welded and joined with each other.

3. (Previously presented) A gasket comprising a first metallic coned disc spring which has a circulation opening for

a fluid in a central portion and which is formed into a seal surface in which an outer peripheral portion with respect to the circulation opening rises having an arc-like curved surface, a second metallic coned disc spring having a circulation opening for a fluid in a central flat portion, and a third metallic coned disc spring which has a circulation opening for a fluid in a central flat portion and which is formed into a seal surface in which an outer diameter peripheral edge portion warps having an arc-like curved surface, wherein the second coned disc spring is combined with the first coned disc spring while both are oppositely directed so that the outer diameter peripheral edge portions thereof are welded and fixed, and the third coned disc spring is combined with the second coned disc spring while both are oriented so that the central flat portions thereof are welded and fixed.

4. (Previously presented) The gasket of Claim 1, wherein the central circulation openings are in axial alignment with each other.

5. (Previously presented) The gasket of Claim 4, wherein the central circulation openings are circular.

6. (Previously presented) The gasket of Claim 1, wherein each said coned disc spring includes said circulation opening and a large opening defined by the outer peripheral edge portion before said coned disc springs are joined about the respective peripheral edge portions.

7. (Previously presented) The gasket of Claim 2, wherein the central circulation openings are in axial alignment with each other.

8. (Previously presented) The gasket of Claim 7, wherein the central circulation openings are circular.